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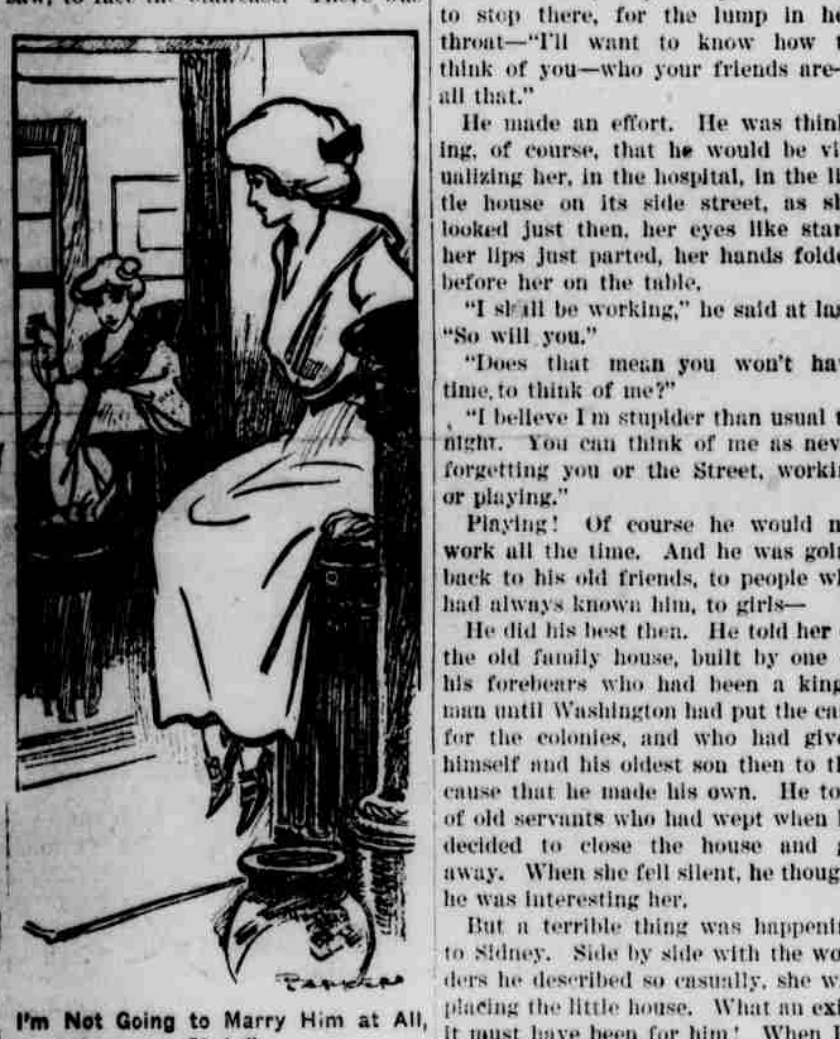


Sidney came slowly through the parlor. It occurred to her, all at once, that Christine must see a lot of K., especially now. No doubt he was in and out of the house often. And how pretty Christine was! She was unhappy, too. All that seemed to be necessary to win K.'s attention was to be unhappy enough. Well, surely, in that case—

"How is Max?"

"Still better."

Sidney sat down on the edge of the railing; but she was careful, Christine saw, to face the staircase. There was



"Why, what on earth have I done?"

"You are trying to make me marry Max, aren't you?"

She was very properly ashamed of that, and, when he failed to reply out of sheer inability to think of one that would not say too much, she went hastily to something else: "It is hard for me to realize that you—that you lived a life of your own, a busy life, doing useful things, before you came to us. I wish you would tell me something about yourself. If we're to be friends when you go away,"—she had to stop there, for the lump in her throat—"I'll want to know how to think of you—who your friends are—all that."

He made an effort. He was thinking, of course, that he would be visualizing her, in the hospital, in the little house on his side street, as she looked just then, her eyes like stars, her lips just parted, her hands folded before her on the table.

"I shall be working," he said at last. "So will you."

"Does that mean you won't have time to think of me?"

"I believe I'm stupider than usual to-night. You can think of me as never forgetting you or the Street, working or playing."

Playing! Of course he would not work all the time. And he was going back to his old friends, to people who had always known him, to girls—

He did his best then. He told her of the old family house, built by one of his forefathers who had been a king's man until Washington had put the case for the colonies, and who had given himself and his oldest son then to the cause that he made his own. He told of old servants who had wept when he decided to close the house and go away. When she fell silent, he thought he was interesting her.

But a terrible thing was happening to Sidney. Side by side with the wonders he described so casually, she was placing the little house. What an exile it must have been for him! When K., trying his best to interest her and to conceal his own heaviness of spirit, told her of his grandfather's old carriage, she sat back in the shadow.

"Fearful old thing," said K., "regular cabinet." "I can remember yet the family rows over it."

"When I was a child," said Sidney quietly, "and a carriage drove up and stopped on the Street, I always knew someone had died!"

There was a strained note in her voice. K., whose ear was attuned to every note in her voice, looked at her quickly.

"My great-grandfather," said Sidney in the same tone, "sold chickens at market. He didn't do it himself; but the fact's there, isn't it?"

K. was puzzled.

"What about it?" he said.

"Go on," said Sidney dully. "Tell me about the women you have known, your friends, the ones you liked and the ones who liked you."

K. was rather apologetic.

"I've always been so busy," he confessed. "I know a lot, but I don't think they would interest you. They don't do anything, you know—they travel around and have a good time. They're rather nice to look at, some of them. But when you've said that you've said it all."

Nice to look at! Of course they would be, with nothing else to think of in all the world but of how they looked.

Suddenly Sidney felt very tired. She wanted to go back to the hospital, and turn the key in the door of her little room, and lie with her face down on the bed.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

CHAPTER XXVII.

K. was being very dense. For so long had he considered Sidney as unattainable that now his masculine mind, a little weary with much wretchedness, refused to move from its old attitude.

"It was glorious, that was all, K.," said Sidney bravely.

"But, perhaps," said K., "it's just because of that miserable incident with Charlotte. That wasn't the right thing, of course, but Max has told me the story. It was really quite innocent. She fainted in the yard, and—"

Sidney was exasperated.

"Do you want me to marry him, K.?"

K. looked straight ahead.

"I want you to be happy, dear."

They were on the terrace of the White Springs hotel again. K. had ordered dinner, making a great do-do about getting the dishes they both liked. But now that it was there, they were not eating. K. had placed his chair so that his profile was turned toward her. Past K.'s profile Sidney could see the magnolia tree shaped like a heart.

"It seems to me," said Sidney suddenly, "that you are kind to everyone but me, K."

He fairly stammered, his astonishment

RUINS OF ARRAS SADDEST OF ALL

Little But Shell-Perforated Walls and Cellars of Houses Remain.

WRECKAGE ON EVERY HAND

People Still Cling Tenaciously to Ruins of Homes—Prison Walls Show Names of Englishmen Imprisoned a Century Ago.

British Headquarters in France.—Arras has been called the most poignantly saddening memorial of the present war. I have visited many devastated areas in two trips to the British front this year, during which I have had an opportunity to skirt most of the line held by King George's armies. I have just visited Arras and I acquiesce in the belief that it brings home the cruelties of war more than any town or city which I have heretofore visited. I have tried to imagine myself an American tourist and Arras as one of the memorials kept as it is for the view of the whole world, writes Joseph W. Grigg in the New York World.

"In ten years' time pilgrimages to it would amass to the French enough money to build another Arras," was the comment of one of my companions as we passed through its streets.

Hardly a house in the place but what has suffered from the German bombardments, especially the fierce bombardment of January and February, 1915. Where shells have not done actual damage, concussion has. In the cellars a few families still reside, despite the shells which literally are "lobbed over" by the Germans.

Arras might have been fought over yesterday, for pieces of shell and other paraphernalia of war are still in evidence through its thoroughfares.

A Century-Old Prison.

We went into one building where, only very recently, have been found scribbled on the walls the names of a number of Englishmen who were kept there in prison little more than a century ago. They were: John Ellis, prisoner of war, 1800-1810; William Mill, William Wheatley and Thomas Aladon, prisoners of war, 1800-1810; John Jamison, prisoner of war, August, 1800, and John Jones, prisoner of war, December, 1803.

If battlefields are already being leased for tourist purposes, what a profitable project it would be for some of these forehanded speculators if they could only obtain an option on Arras, grown as the thought of such profit-making is when the war is still before its very doors.

We walked through streets lined on both sides with ragged structures. Some were only frameworks for gigantic shell holes; others were nibbled here and there by smaller shells or shrapnel. Between the cobblestones in the street the grass was thriving, just as it was on the railroad tracks at the big station.

We climbed piles of debris from the cathedral and wended our way through some of the narrow streets until we came to a place where it was possible to enter the deep cheese cellars where, in peace times, thousands of cheeses are stored after being brought in from the country round about.

A smiling Frenchwoman who lives at the very entrance of one of these deep cellars took us into one, where we walked by candle light to a place where the light from above suddenly came through a shell hole. For three days and nights she and others with a number of children remained in one of these cellars, subsisting on raw potatoes. Her husband was killed by a shell as he stood on the sidewalk in front of their home.

People Still Cling to It.

These people, who still tenaciously cling to the ruins of their home, find time for laughter. This woman asked if we were not afraid we would be tormented in making the cross-channel trip. It was suggested that the submarines were no such menace as frequent bombardment. She smiled and said the cellars were quite safe during such times and, anyway, they were getting used to it.

On one of the main thoroughfares we stopped to have an open-air luncheon. We sat and chatted in this street, which in ordinary times was one of the most creditable in the city. Our conversation was the only thing to disturb its ghostly solemnity except the rustling of tree leaves and the intermittent shell fire going on

within a few hundred yards of the outskirts of the place. Across the road a tin sign was flapping in the breeze, the only reminder of a once prosperous business. The sign was there but the building had practically been demolished.

It was with no sense of regret that we left Arras and gazed once more on open fields, fields dominated by German guns but being worked by old men, women and children.

Rigid Man Puzzles Doctors.

Oakland, Cal.—Physicians at the Emergency hospital were puzzled over the ailment of a man who was found by the Alameda police recently, standing on the street in a complete state of rigidity, with the exception of a pair of blinking eyes. The police sent the man to the Emergency hospital. He stood all night perfectly rigid. When pricked with pins the man showed no activity.

SISTERS EARN \$2400.

Set New Agricultural Record Raising Cabbages.

Greensburg, Pa.—Four Westmoreland county young women, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, near Ruffsdale, have established a new agricultural record in the yield and profits to be derived from a two-acre plot of cabbage.

The Misses Smith, the eldest of whom is eighteen, now have a bank account of \$800, with accounts due from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, men amounting to \$300, and a quarter of their cabbage yet remains to be cut and marketed. Buyers estimate the value of the entire field at about \$2,400.

Early last spring Smith turned the two-acre plot over to his daughters, telling them to make any use of it they desired. The girls, after closely scanning the market reports for weeks, decided to grow cabbages. They set about 18,000 plants.

KILL WHITE FACED IBIS.

Kansas Hunters Were Puzzled, but Professor Solved the Problem.

Topeka, Kan.—A party of hunters were near Stafford when a long-legged bird, which looked like a crane and flew like a duck, suddenly rose and started toward Oklahoma.

Six guns spoke at the same time. The bird gave up the southern trip. The men did not know what they had killed. They guessed everything from a mud hen to a wild turkey.

George Stansfield made a secret trip to Lawrence and conferred with some of the professors. They labeled the kill a white-faced glossy ibis, a species of waterfowl very rare in Kansas. The coloring is very delicate and changes continually. It is one of the snipe family, but is unfit for food.

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